

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 07489 01 OF 02 311431Z

41

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAM-01 NEA-10 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 ACDA-10 EA-10 IO-10 AF-06

CU-04 EB-07 COME-00 TRSE-00 SIL-01 LAB-04 /116 W

----- 003809

O R 311238Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 708

USINFO IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BERLIN

USMISSION USBERLIN

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MUNICH

USMISSION NATO

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

USIA WASHDC

USDEL MBFR VIENNA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 MOSCOW 7489

USINFO FOR IOP/M

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 07489 01 OF 02 311431Z

USIA FOR IBS, IEE, IPS

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, UR

SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MAY 31

1. (A) SIGNED COMMENTARY IN MAY THIRTY ZA RUBEZHOM (E. MAKAROV, N. RATIANI) SAYS THAT "ESPECIALLY NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN ATTACKS ON DETENTE" IN U.S. RESULT OF FEAR OF "CERTAIN CIRCLES" OF POSSIBLE INCREASE OF PACIFISM AFTER COLLAPSE IN INDOCHINA AND OF NEED FOR "TENSION" TO PROMOTE NEW ARMS RACE AND INCREASE ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY. OPPONENTS OF DETENTE, COMMENTARY CONTINUES, USE INTENTIONAL DISTORTIONS AND UNTRUTHS TO WARP MEANING OF AGREEMENTS USSR HAS SIGNED WITH WEST, THEREBY UNDERCUTTING POLICY OF OWN GOVERNMENTS. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE IN ZA RUBEZHOM COMMENTATOR K. KOMAR ATTACKS VOA AND OTHER WESTERN RADIO STATIONS OFR DISTORTIONS. ARTICLE CITES VOA INTERPRETATION OF OBVIOUS INTEREST OF U.S. BUSINESS IN BROADENING TRADE RELATIONS WITH USSR AS "EFFECTIVE MEDICINE FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL SOVIET ECONOMY" AS TYPICAL EXAMPLE.

(B) PRAVDA AND RED STAR ANNOUNCE RESUMPTION OF SALT-II ON JUNE TWENTY-THREE. ALL CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES REPORT ON CRASH OF U-2 IN THE FRG, COMMENTING THAT INCIDENT HAS INTENSIFIED PRESSURE IN THE UK TO HAVE AIRCRAFT WITHDRAWN FROM BASES THERE. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION OF CIA ACTIVITY IN THAT COUNTRY. REPORT IS SPICED UP WITH INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS WESTERN SOURCES ON CIA ACTIVITIES. CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS PRESIDENT'S VETO OF SPECIAL PROGRAM TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT; ONLY COMMENT IS CITATION OF PRESENT UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES IN U.S. PRAVDA REPORTS SIGNATURE OF BILATERAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW. IZVESTIYA CARRIES FURTHER REPORT ON ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF BOLSHOI BALLET IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. RED STAR SAYS THAT U.S. REDUCING MILITARY PERSONNEL AT ATHENS AIRPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT REACHED EARLIER.

(C) YE. ZHUKOV (DIRECTOR OF ACADEMY OF SCIENCES INSTITUTE OF GENERAL HISTORY) REVIEWS NEW BOOK ON SOVIET DIPLOMATIC HISTORY DURING WWII IN PRAVDA. WHILE CONTINUING TO FIND UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 07489 01 OF 02 311431Z

ASPECTS OF ALLIES CONTRIBUTION TO WAR EFFORT TO CRITICIZE, REVIEW SAYS THAT WESTERN ALLIES "CONTRIBUTED THEIR SHARE" TO DEFEAT OF HITLER. ALSO NOTES THAT WHILE LEND LEASE AS A PROPORTION OF TOTAL SOVIET WAR PRODUCTION DID NOT EXCEED FOUR PERCENT, IT NEVERTHELESS "WITHOUT DOUBT HAD SIGNIFICANCE IN STRENGTHENING ALLIANCE TIES". ZHUKOV EMPHASIZES WW II COOPERATION AS AN EXAMPLE FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO WORLD SYSTEMS TODAY.

2. NATO. ALL CENTRAL PRESS COVERS NATO SUMMIT. IZVESTIYA'S TASS REPORT EMPHASIZES DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATO STATES ON SERIES OF QUESTIONS, NOTES PRESIDENT'S BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THESE DIFFERENCES. GREECE/TURKEY ISSUES AND QUESTION OF SPAIN ENTRY INTO NATO MENTIONED AS PROMINENT IN DISCUSSIONS. REPORT UNDERLINES LUNS STATEMENT THAT NO FAR REACHING DECISIONS WILL BE MADE AT PRESENT SUMMIT AS INDICATION OF DEPTH OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS. SIGNED REPORT IN IZVESTIYA (L. VOLODIN) FROM PARIS QUOTES FIGARO THAT "AFTER DEFEAT IN INDOCHINA US WISHES TO CONFIRM AT ANY PRICE ITS POLITICAL RELIABILITY" TO NATO ALLIES. PRAVDA'S TASS REPORT ON THE SUMMIT'S FINAL COMMUNIQUE SAYS THAT IT IS "DIFFICULT TO FIND ANYTHING NEW" IN DOCUMENT. REPORT SAYS THAT DOCUMENT REPEATS CALL FOR UNITY, SOLIDARITY, MAKES USUAL PRONOUNCEMENTS ABOUT ROLE OF ALLIANCE IN DEFENSE OF "WESTERN CIVILIZATION". SEPARATE TASS REPORT IN PRAVDA SAYS THAT PRESIDENT IN SPEECH TO NAC CALLED FOR AN INCREASE IN NATO DEFENSE MIGHT WHILE ADMITTING THAT PUBLIC PRESSURE TO REDUCE DEFENSE SPENDING IS STRONG. TASS ITEM SAYS THAT PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR FULL AND UNCONDITIONAL PARTICIPATION IN ALLIANCE WAS AIMED AT GREECE AND FRANCE, AND REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT FOR CLOSER TIES TO SPAIN PROVOKED STRONG REACTION AMONG SOME ALLIES.

3. BERLIN. PRAVDA REPLAYS PROMINENTLY EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS FROM NEUES DEUTSCHLAND COMMENTARY MAY 30 ON JOINT US, UK, FRG, FRENCH STATEMENT ON BERLIN.

4. PORTUGAL. IZVESTIYA PUBLISHES EXCERPTS OF AFM COMMUNIQUE ON BAN OF MRPP AND REPORTS ON ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST THAT PARTY. REPORT NOTES NON-PARTICIPATION OF SOCIALIST PARTY IN COMMUNIST-SPONSORED DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF AFM, BUT UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 MOSCOW 07489 01 OF 02 311431Z

SAYS SOCIALISTS DID TAKE PART IN CABINET MEETING ON ANGOLA.

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 07489 02 OF 02 311438Z

44

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAM-01 NEA-10 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 ACDA-10 EA-10 IO-10 AF-06

CU-04 EB-07 COME-00 TRSE-00 SIL-01 LAB-04 /116 W

----- 003812

O R 311238Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 709

USINFO IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BERLIN

USMISSION USBERLIN

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MUNICH

USMISSION NATO

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

USIA WASHDC

USDEL MBFR VIENNA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 MOSCOW 7489

5. CSCE. LEAD EDITORIAL OF MAY 30 ZA RUBEZHOM WRITES THAT
EVEN IF CSCE WERE TO AGREE ONLY ON TEN PRINCIPLES (BASKET I),
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 07489 02 OF 02 311438Z

IT WOULD STILL BE "A BRIGHT PAGE IN EUROPEAN HISTORY".
EDITORIAL CALLS FOR STRENGTHENING OF POLITICAL DETENTE
THROUGH MILITARY DETENTE, AND SAYS THAT IMPORTANCE OF MBFR
EXTNEDS FAR BEYOND NARROW CONFIRMES OF CENTRAL EUROPE.
EDITORIAL NOTES DUBLIN STATEMENT CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL
PROGRESS IN CBM'S AND FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS,
AND CAUTIONS THAT SUCH MOVEMENT MUST NOT BE USED FOR

INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. EDITORIAL CONTINUES THAT SAME PEOPLE CALLING FOR FREE MOVEMENT OF IDEAS PREVENTING DISSEMINATION OF COMMUNIST IDEAS IN WEST. EDITORIAL SYAS THAT DEMANDS FROM THE WEST SOMETIMES GO TO POINT THAT EAST NOT ONLY CEASE DISSEMINATING IDEAS, BUT ALSO FORBID OTHER NATIONS TO FOLLOW "SOCIALIST" PATH, EVEN IF SUCH CHANGES SUPPORTED THROUGH ELECTIONS.

6. CYPRUS. SIGNED COMMENTARY IN RED STAR (B. VLADIMIROV) SYAS THAT CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF FOREIGN BASES ON CYPRUS IMPLICIT THREAT NOT ONLY TO PEOPLE TO CYPRUS BUT TO PEOPLES OF OTHER MEDITERRANEAN NATIONS AS WELL. VLADIMIROV CONTENTS THAT SHRINKING BRITISH PRESENCE IN THESE BASES BEING REPLACED BY AMERICAN PRESENCE, AND TIES PENTAGON'S INTEREST IN THE ISLAND TO EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN NATO'S COUTHERN FLANK. VLADIMIROV WARNS AGAINST EFFORTS BY "CERTAIN CIRCLES" OF NATO TO FORCE ONTO CYPRIOTS A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WHICH WOULD "IN THE SAME PACKAGE" ALSO DECIDE THE BASE QUESTION.

7. LIBYA. PRAVDA REPORTS SIGNATURE IN MOSCOW ON MAY 30 OF AGREEMENT WITH LIBYA ON COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY. PRAVDA ALSO ANNOUNCES, WITHOUT COMMENT, END OF VISIT OF KIM IL SUNG IN ALGERIA.

8. OTHER. THE PRE-ELECTION SPEECHES AS REPORTED PRAVDA ON MAY 30 FEATURED BALANCE BETWEEN PARTY ORGANS SECRETARY I.V. KAPITONOV WHO PRAISED THE CPSU PEACE PROGRAM AND SOVIET EFFORTS TO MAKE THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IRREVERSIBLE AND D.F. USTINOV, PARTY SUPERVISOR OF RECKET AND WEAPONS PROGRAMS, WHO NOTED THE TILTING OF THE GLOBAL BALANCE OF FORCES TOWARD THE SOVIET BLOC AND GAVE CREDIT FOR SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY SUCCESS TO ITS STRENGTHENING ECONOMY AND MILITARY CAPABILITY PLUS COORDINATED AND CONSISTENT ACTIONS AND POLICY BY THE SOVIET BLOC. USTINOV ALSO COMPARED FLOURISHING SOVIET ECONOMY
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 07489 02 OF 02 311438Z

WITH THE SLUMP OF THE WESTERN ECONOMIES, ESPECIALLY THE US. KAPITONOV IS THE FIRST SPEAKER IN THE CURRENT PRE-ELECTION ROUND OF SPEECHES, WHICH BEGAN MAY 27, TO GIVE SIGNIFICANT PRAISE TO SOVIET EFFORTS TO MAKE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IRREVERSIBLE.
STOESSEL

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS SUMMARIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975MOSCOW07489
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750191-0412
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t1975052/aaaaaayu.tel
Line Count: 269
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 DEC 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 DEC 2003 by ThomasVJ>; APPROVED <26 JAN 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MAY 31
TAGS: PFOR, UR
To: STATE USIA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006